Allocation of Natural Gas

2975. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether comparative priority is given to power sector *vis-a-vis* fertilizer sector in allocation of Natural Gas/LNG; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J.PATEL): (a) and (b) No further allocation of natural gas is being done and the Gas Linkage Committee set up for the purpose has been abolished by MOP&NG's order dated November 9, 2005.

Losses due to explosion in oil pipelines

†2976. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ULFA has committed incidents of exploding oil pipelines with bombs in Assam and other North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the incidents that has taken place in the years, 2004, 2005 and 2006, State-wise;

(c) the financial loss suffered due to this;

(d) whether Government are now planning to lay Bomb-proof oil pipelines for the security of pipelines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Some incidents of exploding oil pipelines have been committed in suspected acts of sabotage which took place during 2004, 2005 and 2006. The details alongwith losses are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.